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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 387

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, CGEN

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN VISA FEE FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS

1. ON MARACH 16, 1977 THIS EMBASSY SUBMITTED THE VISA APPLICATION WAS TOLD THAT THE VISA WOULD NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS HE MADE A RS.37 (DOLS3.70) DONATION TO THE UNESCO CAMPAIGN TO SAVE NUBIAN MONUMENTS. THE DONATION WAS MADE UNDER PROTEST AND WE HAVE SINCE CONTACTED THE EMBASSY OF EGYPT AND REQUESTED THAT THE MONEY BE REFUNDED. THEY INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY THEIR FOREIGN OFFICE TO COLLECT THIS MONEY AND IT CANNOT BE REFUNDED.

2. THIS INCIDENT SEEMS TO RAISE TWO ISSUES. THE FIRST IS THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY. WHEN THE EGYPTIAN COUNSELLOR WAS INFORMED THAT SINCE WE DID NOT CHARGE EGYPTIANS FOR DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL TRAVEL WE DID NOT SEE HOW THEY JUSTIFIED CHARGING US, HE RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT CHARGE BUT A UNESCO DONATION. HE WAS INFORMED THAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE THAT ANY MONEY WHICH MUST BE PAID FOR A VISA WOULD APPROPRIATELY BE CONSIDERED A VISA FEE. THE SECOND ISSUE IS WHETHER THIS FEE CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THE CASE AMENDMENT PROHIBITING U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO OR UNESCO FUNDED PROJECTS. AS SGT. MEIXSEL IS TRAVELLING AT THE BEHEST OF THE U.S.

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GOVERNMENT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT HE WILL EXPECT TO BE REIMBURSED FOR HIS VISA FEES. IF THE MONEY DOES GO TO UNESCO IT MIGHT BECOME A PROBLEM. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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